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BROADCASTING TELECASTING STATIONS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of Broadcasting/Telecasting stations functioning in Tamil Nadu, location-wise;
- (b) the population covered by the said stations;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up TV studios and Radio stations in the State, particularly at Salem and Madurai;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in setting up the studios and Radio station there; and
- (e) the time by which these are likely to be set up/operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

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- (a): 44 Doordarshan Transmitters (including 2 Transposers) and 8 AIR Stations are presently functioning in Tamil Nadu. The location-wise details are given in Annexure – I.
- (b): At present, Radio and TV coverage is available to 99% and 91.3% population of Tamil Nadu respectively.
- (c), (d) & (e): There is no proposal to set up any new Radio Station and TV Studio at Salem . However, following projects relating to new Radio Stations & TV Studios are under various stages of implementation in the state:
- (i) Radio Stations at Kodaikanal, Dharmapuri and Coimbatore (Vivid Bharati).
- (ii) TV Studios at Madurai & Coimbatore Radio Stations at Kodaikanal & the VividBharati Service at Coimbatore are technically ready. The remaining projects are targeted to be completed by 2002.